Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.   (Currently amended*)* A method for restricting use of a clipboard application ~~by a method~~, the method comprising:

receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first[[,]] source application;

storing the designated content to the clipboard application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, ~~where~~wherein the secured file cannot be accessed without *a priori* knowledge, wherein said determining is performed by one or more computers; and

preventing subsequent usage of the designated content in a second[[,]] destination application via the clipboard application if it is determined that the source file is [[a]] <u>the</u> secured file.

2.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 1, ~~wherein the method~~ further <u>comprising</u>~~comprises:~~ receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 2, wherein the paste selection requests to paste the designated content to a destination file that is opened within the destination application.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 2, wherein the copy

selection is a copy command, and wherein the paste selection is a paste command.

5.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the

determining operates to determine that the source file is [[a]] the secured file based on

security information provided by the first[[,]] source application.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 5, wherein the

security information pertains to the source document.

7.   (Withdrawn) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1,

wherein said preventing comprises:

        storing blank content to the clipboard application instead of the

designated content when said determining determines that the source file is a

secured file.

8.   (Withdrawn) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 7,

wherein said preventing comprises:

        storing the designated content to the clipboard application when said

determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

9.   (Withdrawn) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 8,

wherein said method further comprises:

        receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the

destination application;

supplying the blank content from the clipboard application to the

destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining

determines that the source file is secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the

destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining

determines that the source file is not a secured file.

10.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the

preventing comprises:

storing predetermined content to the clipboard application instead of the

designated content if it is determined that the source file is [[a]] the secured file.

11.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 10, wherein the

preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application if it is

determined that the source file is not [[a]] the secured file.

12.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 11, wherein the

method further comprisingcomprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the

destination application;

supplying the predetermined content from the clipboard application to the

destination application in response to the paste selection if it is determined that

the source file is [[a]] the secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the

destination application in response to the paste selection if it is determined that

the source file is not [[a]] the secured file.

13.   (Withdrawn) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1,

wherein said preventing comprises:

storing scrambled content to the clipboard application instead of the

designated content when said determining determines that the source file is a

secured file.

14.   (Withdrawn) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 13,

wherein said preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application when said

determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

15.   (Withdrawn) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 14,

wherein said method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the

destination application;

supplying the scrambled content from the clipboard application to the

destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining

determines that the source file is a secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the

destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining

determines that the source file is not a secured file.

16. (Currently amended) A method for restricting use of a clipboard

application, the method comprising:

receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source

file being displayed by a first[[,]] source application;

storing the designated content to the clipboard application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, ~~where~~wherein the

secured file cannot be accessed without *a priori* knowledge, wherein said

determining is performed by one or more computers; and

preventing subsequent storage of the designated content to a second[[,]]

destination application via the clipboard application if it is determined that the

source file is [[a]] the secured file.

17. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 16, ~~wherein the~~

~~method~~ further comprising ~~comprises:~~storing alternate content to the clipboard

application in place of the designated content if it is determined that the source file is

[[a]] the secured file.

18. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 17, wherein the

alternate content is one or more of blank content, predetermined content, or~~and~~

scrambled content.

19.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 17, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application if it is determined that the source file is not [[a]] the secured file.

20.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 16, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application if it is determined that the source file is not [[a]] the secured file.

21.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 20, wherein the determining operates to determine that the source file is [[a]] the secured file based on security information provided by the first[[,]] source application.

22.   (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the security information pertains to the source document.

23 - 39.   (Canceled)

40.   (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer program code stored thereon, that if executed by a processor, causes the processor to restrict use of a clipboard application by a method, the method comprising:

receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first[[,]] source application;

storing the designated content to the clipboard application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, ~~where~~ wherein the secured file cannot be accessed without *a priori* knowledge; and

preventing subsequent usage of the designated content in a second[[,]] destination application via the clipboard application if it is determined that the source file is [[a]] the secured file.